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B. 313TH AD KADENA 170600Z APR 74 (NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON OKINAWA CHIEF PROCURATOR YASUDA APR 16 TO SAY THAT WE SHARE THE AIR FORCE'S CONCERN WITH THE PROTRACTED TRIAL OF AIRMEN THOMAS, BOYD AND HODGES. AS HAS THE AIR FORCE JAG, I NOTED THE REPEATED FAILURE OF THE COMPLAINANT TO APPEAR HAS CALLED INTO QUESTION WHETHER THE DEFENDANTS ARE SECURING A FAIR TRIAL. YASUDA STATED THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD DO ALL IT COULD TO HASTEN THE PROCEEDINGS BUT DID NOT ACCEPT ARGUMENTS ON CASE FOR DISMISSAL.

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2. AS DESCRIBED REF B, PROCURATOR'S OFFICE DID LOCATE AND DETAINED COMPLAINANT FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE A COURT SESSION QUICKLY SCHEDULED ON APR 16 WITNESS TESTIFIED UNDER DIRECT EXAMINATION AND WAS CROSS EXAMINED, FINISHING HER TESTIMONY. THE DEFENSE WILL PROBABLY NOW INTRODUCE TWO WITNESSES AND THE PROSECUTION WILL ENTER THE OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS OF THE ACCUSED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COURT WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR APR 22.

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